

## BLIND MAN ON A WHEEL

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## SUBURBAN SOCIETY NEWS.

Brightwood.

Mrs. P. O'Hara has returned from a visit to Cincinnati. O.

Mrs. Shaffer, of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. W. H. Hawkins.

Mrs. Charles H. Baker is visiting friends and relatives in Muncie.

Miss Wither, of New Paris, Ill., is the guest of Mrs. Leftwich.

Mr. C. Jones has returned from a visit with friends in Anderson.

Mrs. Kate Smith, of Cincinnati, is the guest of Mrs. Calvin Bush.

Mrs. B. Garwood, of Mishawaka, O., is the guest of Mrs. R. A. Baker.

Mrs. Charles Schumager, of Decatur, Ill., is the guest of relatives here.

Mrs. Alice Grim has returned from a visit with friends in Sydney, O.

Mr. D. Bristow has returned from a short visit to his mother in Noblesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Moss have returned from a visit with relatives in Greencastle.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Morgan, of Mexico, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison.

Miss Pearl White will return to-day from Pendleton, after a week's visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hurn, of Kent, O., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Adams.

Mr. M. J. Traub has returned from a two weeks' visit with relatives in Bellefontaine, O.

Mrs. C. Canty, of Mattoon, Ill., who has been the guest of her son James has returned home.

Mrs. Robertson, of Lafayette, who was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Sites, has returned home.

Mrs. Florence Henth, who was the guest of Mrs. W. H. Baker, has returned to her home in Decatur, Ill.

Miss Bertha McCormick, of McCordsville, who was the guest of Miss Bertha Research, has returned home.

Miss Flossy Atkins and Nina Boman, who have been the guests of Mrs. Harry Barrett, have returned to their homes in Bellefontaine, O.

A party composed of Miss Essy O'Keefe, Mrs. Tom Zinkhaus and Mrs. Samuel Bloom left Monday for a trip to the northern lakes in Indiana.

## Haughville.

Mr. John Shaw is visiting relatives in Boston.

Mr. John Dunn has returned from an extended trip to Iowa.

Miss Hazel Ader, of Ohio, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. E. H. Baker.

Mrs. N. A. Chamberlain is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jacobs, in Chicago.

Mr. Edward Best, of Anderson, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Matthews.

Mr. Lew Fortune has returned from a visit with friends in Louisville, Ky.

Miss Lulu Eliwanger, of Louisville, is the guest of her cousin, Rose Eliwanger.

Mrs. John Mitchell, of Ellettsville, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Schuck.

Rev. and Mrs. Noah Harper returned yesterday from Martinsville, where they attended a wedding.

Mr. Henry Gahner, of Louisville, Ky., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wherley last week.

Court Macabee, I. O. O. F., will give a literary and musical entertainment in the Town Hall, May 28.

Mrs. Guy Blaisdell and Mrs. B. B. Mabrey have returned from a short visit with friends in Jamestown.

Dr. J. C. Cain returned last week from a visit with relatives in Mount Pleasant, Ill.

Mrs. Cain will return to-day.

Mr. Chester Van Arsdale, of Fairmont, Ind., who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Low Rice, has returned home.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian Church gave an ice cream social Friday evening in the Town Hall.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the King-avenue M. E. Church gave an ice cream social in the reading room Tuesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, of Shelbyville, who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott, on Tibbs avenue, have returned home.

Rev. Aaron Wood was the guest of Mr. D. T. Tibbs last week. Later Rev. Wood left for Battle Ground, after which he will return to his home in Hammond.

## North Indianapolis.

Mr. Frank Caldwell is visiting relatives in Northern Michigan.

Rev. N. H. Shepherd has returned from a visit with friends in Anderson.

Mrs. W. J. Jones has returned from a visit with friends in Connersville.

Mrs. Thomas Morgan has returned from a visit with relatives in Harrodsburg.

Mrs. Mrs. Powers, of Chicago, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dwight L. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Riley have moved here for permanent residence from Dayton, O.

The Bay View Reading Club meet Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. James Swan.

Mrs. Mary Dolan and children, of Des Moines, Ia., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin.

Mr. Rittenhouse, of Kentucky, who was the guest of Mr. Thomas Hazelrigg, has returned home.

Rev. Mr. Jacobson has begun holding tent meetings every afternoon on Udel street, near Clifton street.

The Musical Art Club will meet to-morrow evening at the home of Miss Edna Cozier, on Klader street.

Memorial services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. Edward Brown will conduct the services.

Mrs. Louisa Cornell and daughters, Cora and Evelyn, have returned from a short visit with relatives in Franklin.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Home Presbyterian Church gave a social last Wednesday evening in the parlors of the church.

Mrs. Charles Stephenson and Mrs. Julia Dietz, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor, have returned to their home in Cincinnati.

Mrs. Dwight L. Jones will give a reception Wednesday evening to the members of the Home Presbyterian Church at the home of Miss Ida Gunter.

The Baptist Mission, which has heretofore been located in the building corner of Clifton and Twenty-ninth streets, will be located in the future at Roller's Hall, on Twenty-eighth street.

The Pleasure Club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. Smithson.

Mrs. Ervin, of Franklin, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. J. Matthews.

Dr. H. H. H. of Jamestown, is the guest of Mrs. Robert Hacker.

Miss Nellie Lyons, of Germantown, is the guest of Mrs. Charles Dickson.

Mrs. Charles Edwards was the guest of relatives in Clermont last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Appel, of Okladon, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lingle.

George Dickson, of Brazil, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickson.

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agricultural records of Italy are filled with similar cases. At the planters' convention of Cassel in 1899, 500 delegates from

all parts of the country testified. Once a single isolated cannon reduced the damage to 20 per cent. During a storm at Ozzano 500 shots were fired from eleven stations. Result, no hail; but less than a mile away from the east cannon hail fell violently. Several delegates told of hail commencing to fall, but stopping as soon as the cannon ceased firing. That the thunder and lightning also ceased. In one instance the hail became lumpy snowflakes, then big rain drops, and finally a two-hour shower.

## NIGHT BICYCLE RACES.

First of a Series to Be Given at Newby Oval.

The entries for the bicycle races to be held at Newby Oval next Thursday evening, the night of Decoration day, are coming in rapidly, and the meet promises to be a great success. The management of Newby Oval will aid the local amateur riders to win one of the handsome gold medals offered by the American Bicycle Company for the best records made in competition in one, two, five and ten-mile events at meets under the A. B. C. sanction.

The company offers four medals, and they will be presented to the holders of the records at the end of the racing season. The local race promoters intend to assist local riders to capture them. Next Thursday night fast pacemakers will be used in the one-mile open amateur event and an effort will be made to set a low mark for this distance. The Newby Oval track is conceded to be the fastest in the country, and, as four medals are offered for Indiana, the local men have a decided advantage in the competition.

Confession of a Long-Haired Man.

Philadelphia Record.

"When I was a very young man," said a Philadelphia artist whose name is familiar as a magazine illustrator, "I used to think it quite proper thing to wear my hair very long. In addition to this I wore eye glasses with heavy, black rims and a black coat. As I walked along the street people would nod at me and say: 'Richard L. Galliene' or 'Henry Irving.' I was fond of taking long walks out into the country, and throwing myself in picturesque attitudes on mossy banks by the roadside. People would drive by in carriages, and, seeing me, would exclaim: 'Ah! the spring poet! Once I was surrounded by a crowd of small boys, who reviled me in the most brutal manner and stoned me for over a mile. But it was a horse show that finally made me seek a barber. I was leaning over a couple of cobs when I felt a slight tug at the back of my hair, which really hung down to my shoulders. I thought perhaps some boys were gawking me, and I did not attend to it. I heard them flitters, and then a girl's voice exclaimed: 'Oh, Jack, make him stop.' I looked around and saw that another horse, evidently mistaking my shock of hair for a bunch of hay, had been nibbling at the ends. A lot of people saw it, and I was naturally very much confused. The next day I had my hair cut, and have tried to look like a rational human being ever since."

Philadelphian Record.

Mr. Earl Chapman, of Natchez, Miss., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stout, returned to his home last Monday.

Mrs. Givens gave a dinner party Friday evening. Those attending were Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Stout, Mr. and Mrs. Grubb, Mr. and Mrs. Trotter and Mr. and Mrs. Leachman.

Miss Anna Gill and Alice Walton returned to-morrow from Brooklyn, where they attended the Indianapolis district convention of the Epworth League as delegates from Trinity Epworth League.

Miss Lulu Schaub and Mr. O. F. Stierwalt were married Wednesday evening at the

parsonage of Trinity M. E. Church by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Stout. Mr. and Mrs. Stierwalt immediately went to housekeeping at 1234 Harding street.

Palmer Union W. C. T. U. will meet Tuesday with Mrs. William Fox. Mrs. Fox will be the guest of Mrs. J. L. Stout.

Mission work will be present and address the meeting on the work to be done by members of the W. C. T. U. on Flower Mission day, June 5.

A LONG AUTO RUN.

Indianapolis Men Will Ride to Martinsville and Return.

The longest auto run ever undertaken by Indianapolis men will be made to-day from Indianapolis to Martinsville and return, a distance of seventy miles. Dr. Harry Hicks, Fred Dickson, Frank Staley, W. E. Tripp and C. G. Fisher have decided to make the run, and other owners of automobiles in the city will probably participate in the ride.

The run will be part of the way over the proposed route of the new electric line to be built between this city and Martinsville. The party will leave Monument place at 8:30 this morning and expect to arrive back in Indianapolis at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Sharp at Bargains.

Philadelphia Record.

Bargain sales have educated Philadelphia women until now they are credited with being the most shrewd shoppers in the country. The crowd that gathers in the morning before the store opens includes few individuals who are not well posted in standard prices. Many of them spend days in visiting all the stores with a view to securing such information. Even the beginner in bargain hunting need not be

afraid, for there are always kind-hearted shoppers ready to give the benefit of their superior knowledge. It attracted by the pleasing color, the ignorant one looks doubtfully at a ribbon. The stranger by her side says: "Yes; that is a good ribbon. It is all silk." She reveals out both wool and web to show there is no extraneous thread in the weave. If it is woolen material that attracts her attention, and she examines inquiringly at the shopper next her that one will say: "This is the way to tell if it is all wool." And out of that she draws a thread, wets it in her mouth, and if it will not come straight she admits it is all right. When she pulls out threads of linen or cotton she breaks each, or rather tries for the fray will not break as the cotton does. To test dyes she rubs the fabrics on a gold ring. If the color of the ring is dulled it will not wash without fading; otherwise it is a fast color, all of which is based on the fact that vegetable dyes are not fast unless fixed by a metallic base, which mineral colors do not require.

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"I remember well the story told about the firemen who entered the Boston block, on North Delaware street, when it burned, on Feb. 7, 1875," said Mr. Hebble, when the conversation had turned to recent stories regarding fires. "It was a terribly cold night and the firemen suffered greatly from the ice. On the top floor of the building was located the dissecting rooms of a medical college. The firemen fought their way to this floor through the blinding smoke and gained entrance to the dissecting room. On pushing their way toward the windows they stumbled against a table and their hands fell on a cold, lifeless human body. They did not realize that it was a cadaver used for dissecting purposes at first, and they were seized with a peculiar sensation—a thought that they had arrived in the room too late to rescue an unfortunate being. Pushing their way on they ran across other tables on which were stretched cadavers, and the firemen were nearly panic-stricken until some one remarked that they were in the dissecting room of the medical college. Firemen who were in that room said they experienced an awful sensation, even after learning that the bodies had been dead for many days."

Fire Chief Barrett also grew reminiscent and related many stories of daring acts by firemen and their narrow escapes from burning buildings. He said that when the street-car barns burned on Jan. 6, 1884, the thermometer registered 20 degrees below zero, and many firemen had their fingers frozen while handling hose. During the burning of the Central chair factory, on Feb. 5, 1887, James Davis, the assistant chief at that time, was in the office when the flames were burning briskly. The roof fell in just as he started for the door, and several other firemen pulled him from the dangerous place before he was seriously burned.

"One of the greatest troubles experienced by firemen entering burning buildings," said Fire Chief Barrett, "is the danger of getting lost in the dense smoke. When Tucker & Dorsey's factory burned, on Nov. 4, 1887, Jacob Ruben was lost in the smoke and was overcome. One of the other firemen found him before it was too late, and Ruben was dragged out of the building and resuscitated."

Chief Barrett and Mr. Hebble sat for nearly two hours relating stories of big fires, and neither of them seemed exhausted of interesting tales when the party broke up.

Persons walking on downtown streets one day last week were somewhat surprised to see a blind man seated on the back seat of a tandem bicycle, pedaling along as if he desired more pleasure of the recreation than a person would sailing before a stiff breeze on a fine yacht. He was George Hebble, the blind musician, and he is a pronounced devotee of the wheel. Seated on the front saddle was Ralph Bowman and the two made a trip to Albionville and return, a distance of twenty-five miles.

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